THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to evolve mechanism to regulate functioning of healthcare institutions including those in the Corporate Sector.

WHO Report on mental health

2833. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the survey done by WHO in which it was assessed that by 2020 the country will have almost one-fourth of its population affected with different degrees of mental ill health; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to provide rehabilitation, proper treatment and attention for such patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) According to the World Health Report, 2001, it is estimated that Disability Adjusted Life Year (DALY) lost due to mental/neurological disorders accounted for 15% of the total people in 2002. The report estimated that one in four people in the world will be affected by mental or neurological disorder at some point in their lifetime. The report refers to lifetime prevalence and not point prevalence.

(b) It is primarily for the State Government to provide the treatment to the patients. The Central Government on its part is implementing National Mental Health Programme with an objective to provide sustainable and easily available mental healthcare to such patients through District Mental Health Programme at the Primary Health Care and District Level. As a medium and long term strategy, infrastructure development and capacity building is being undertaken in the field of mental health by modernization of Mental Hospitals and Upgradation of Psychiatry Wings of Medical Colleges. Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme implemented through Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment deliver various rehabilitation services to persons with mental disability.